

NOTES
Region 4 CMH Subcommittee
July 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM.

Members present: Mechelle Wilson, Doug Miller (by phone), Carol Dixon, Steve Graci, Shelly Retter, Jennifer Young, Andrea Early - a student from NNU, and Laura Thomas

A brief discussion on the status of the CMH Awareness Week working group was held. A meeting on July 30, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 131 was scheduled to begin work on 2014 Awareness week. Others not on the 2013 group are invited to participate. Steve asked for a volunteer(s) to chair the group. One opinion expressed was that having an advocacy group in the lead is a positive aspect. A suggestion was made to see if Carol would be willing to chair the group; she would be able to easily communicate with the Federation's representatives in other regions. No decision was made as Carol was not present when this was discussed.

The majority of the meeting was spent brainstorming the format and content of a report to the regional board. It was suggested to use the Suicide Prevention report to the Governor as a model.

A few additional sources of information were identified and will be secured before the next meeting, including:

Detention Center – Clinicians Report – a study conducted by BSU. Steve will contact the BSU professor McDonald to secure a copy of the report.

County Juvenile Probation data – Doug will work with Val and colleagues in Elmore and Ada counties to provide data on services provided and descriptions of the services. Some of the data desired includes total number of youth served in county for both MH and SUDS services (separate tallies), level of care, and observations on differences in the system as a result of changes implemented in last 2 years with budget and system changes.

Each member of the committee who has provided information at a previous subcommittee meeting committed to bring a draft summary of data and a summary agency successes and observations to the next meeting on August 13 at 8:30 a.m. in room 131 at Region 4 offices. These draft documents will be the basis of the document created at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.